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## DOUBLE SHOOTING

On Friday night about 12:30 the highlife section of Lordsburg was aroused to a state of excitement, when A. T. Salazar, well known in pugilistic circles, and who has been here for the last seven months, shot a girl, "Tommy," and then put a bullet through his own brain. The shooting was done outside the house. The girl was shot in the head and received a second shot through the left shoulder from behind, the bullet penetrating just above the heart. The girl lives, but "Sal" expired instantly. An inquest was held at the house by the coroner, C. W. Marselas, and a verdict that Salazar came to his death by a pistol shot fired by his own hand, was returned.

The pistol used to end his existence was a 38 double action. Salazar was 26 years of age. He had learned the trade of a boilermaker at Albuquerque, where his mother lives. He was also a U. S. soldier, and a barber. About two weeks ago he, with George Mullarkey, purchased the pressing and cleaning business of Floyd.

Mrs. Salazar, mother of the dead man, arrived in Lordsburg Tuesday, arrived in Lordsburg on Sunday and made arrangements for the burial of her son, who was interred here. He was an only child, his father having died ten years ago.

This is the third occurrence whereby attempted murder and suicide has taken place here. About a year ago Charlie Reed fired a shot into the head of a woman of the underworld and turned the gun upon himself, dying before aid could reach him and the woman surviving. A year before that in the same house a like killing occurred.

## ANOTHER FIRE TRAP

A temporary frame business house is to be built next week on the lot between the Star Theatre and Mrs. Stevens' confectionery store. It was generally hoped that a substantial brick would be built on the lot but owing to the diminutive finances of the owner a temporary building is to be constructed.

## THE LIBERAL UP TO THE MINUTE

One of the most marvelous inventions of the age, the linotype, is not missing in the roll call of the up-to-the-minute progress of the Western Liberal. Since August of last year practically all of the news composition in this paper and a large number of the advertisements have been set on this almost human machine and on the latest model manufactured by the Mergenthaler Linotype Company—the Model 14. This wonderful machine is installed in the office of the Deming Headlight and is used under contract by the Liberal, giving this office the best of composition facilities the printing world provides. Without leaving his seat, the operator of the Model 14 linotype is able to set any character of newspaper or job work, having at his disposal four sizes of type, of seven faces. Much of the Western Liberal's job work, with intricate ruling, etc., has been turned out by this marvel as well as the paper, its headings, ads, etc. It is the use of the linotype that gives the Liberal its clear print and reduces costs so that we can give the readers one of the best country newspapers in the southwest.

A cut of the Model 14 linotype follows:



## Operated on For Appendicitis

Avery McClure, who was operated upon for appendicitis at the Hotel Dieu at El Paso Sunday, is getting along nicely. The news is welcomed by the young man's many friends here and all hope to see him back before many days.

## COONTOWN MINSTRELS SATURDAY NIGHT

When it is taken into consideration that the parties composing the Lordsburg Coontown minstrels have been working hard for the past three months to perfect their entertainment which will be presented to the public on Saturday night at the Star, you will know that they are giving the very best that there is in them. Everybody appreciates a good, old fashioned coon song, and there are forty numbers in the program—all equally good, and they will make you laugh until the tears flow. There are dances, and songs, and acting, with no limit to fun, so remember to bring 50c for yourself, and 35c for each child. The show will be all the better if the Star play house is packed, so come early.

## SHERIFF STEPHENS KILLED IN BATTLE WITH OUTLAWS

Dwight B. Stephens, sheriff of Luna county, and Joe Cranson, who was serving a jail sentence here for vagrancy, were killed, and Deputy Sheriff "Buck" Sevier and J. O. Starr, a burglary suspect, were seriously wounded in a battle between a posse and escaped prisoners from Deming jail a mile and a half west of Rincon, Dona Ana county, shortly after noon on Sunday. Cranson and Starr and three other prisoners escaped from the Deming jail by overpowering jailer Tabor Sunday morning and started out, well armed, in a Ford automobile.

It was an hour after the escape of the five prisoners before the delivery was discovered, and then Sheriff Stephens, Deputies Sevier and John Kelly, Marshal Tabor and several others started in pursuit with an automobile. They caught up with the prisoners shortly after noon, the latter having just stopped to eat lunch after crossing a hill east of Deming. The officers were doubtful about getting their car over the hill, due to the condition of the road and Tabor got out and walked to the top of the grade to make an inspection. As he looked over the ridge he saw the bandits only a few yards away, and at once called to the other officers. The minute Deputy Sheriff Sevier reached the top of the hill he yelled to the men below to throw up their hands, but instead they opened fire. Sheriff Stephens fell dead.

According to reports of the fight between the sheriff's posse and the fleeing prisoners, Stephens was slain before he had a chance to fire a shot, a bullet from a rifle in the hands of one of the prisoners, fired at close range, entering his right shoulder and passing through his lungs, causing almost instant death. He fell forward, his cocked gun being found under his body.

Buck Sevier, a member of the posse, was shot in the head, but not seriously wounded, the bullet grazing his skull. Joe Cranson, one of the escaped prisoners, was killed during the fight between the officers and criminals, and J. O. Starr, another member of the posse, badly wounded. Three other prisoners made their escape from the rain of leaden bullets from the posse men, who then, for the time being, turned their attention to the two victims of the posse, Stephens and Sevier.

## BIG INSURANCE DEAL

The largest fire insurance transaction ever culminated in southern Grant county took place yesterday when W. F. Ritter sold his large interests to Morningstar and Augustine. Over eight of the world's most substantial companies have been represented here by Mr. Ritter and these combined with the companies already represented by Messrs Morningstar and Augustine gives the firm a list not to be excelled.

Mr. Ritter has been very successful in his insurance business and has built up a colossal trade from all parts of this section. His other interests are demanding more of his time and only for this reason is the insurance business disposed of.

Messrs Morningstar and Augustine are giving special attention to the fire insurance line and are offering a service that is building up a very large patronage here of the strongest companies in the United States and Europe. Lordsburg is to feel proud of having a firm with the strength and metropolitan service of this organization.

## Autos For Sale

Abbott-Detroit 1914, electric starter, good shape, looks good, cost \$1915.00; will sell for \$500.00. Also 1916 Overland, cost \$825.00, price \$500.00. Address box 128, Deming, New Mexico.

## MINES AND MINING

Thomas Lister is shipping ore to El Paso from the Mania claims.

Frank Weldon is shipping ore from the loading platforms of the A. & N. M. and is getting excellent smelter returns.

George Mitchell of Doz Cabezas was here Thursday looking for a mining location. He seemed well impressed with the district.

Fred Hickory and Joe Dulany formerly of the Mascot Copper Company of Doz Cabezas Ariz., and J. M. Bedore have purchased a half interest in the Nellie Gray mine near the Bonney and have begun development work. The claim is a most promising one with a wide ledge of good grade ore showing and has the marks of a bonanza.

## BOOST LORDSBURG

To our Subscribers: We want your help. Will you do this for us?

We are anxious to tell all of your friends and relatives of the kind of town we have here, and the good things we are doing to improve it. We want you to fill out the blanks below with the names and addresses of people whom you know that have at one time been residents of this place, or have a number of friends or relatives living here at the present time. We will send each of them several copies of the Western Liberal, absolutely without charge to them or you, and we shall greatly appreciate your kindness. You may mail this to us or give it to us at the office. This little service will help boost our town and we feel sure that every resident will be willing to help.

Thank you.  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

## CASES POSTPONED

The court cases brought before Justice of the Peace C. W. Marselas on Saturday were postponed till the next term of court, March 3th. The cases were the State vs. Charles Simpson, Edward L. Rose, alias Charles Simpson, and Thomas Scarborough vs. C. Moore.

## MAKES LAND VALUATIONS

The Board of County Commissioners has fixed county land values as follows:

Alfalfa and other choice cultivated land under permanent water rights, orchard lands, at \$60.00 per acre.  
Uncultivated land under ditch, at \$30.00 per acre.  
Dry farming land at \$4.50 per acre.  
Grazing land at \$3.00 per acre.  
Patented mining land at \$45.00 per acre.  
Patented mill sites at \$45.00 per acre.

## WILL SURVEY THE INCORPORATED TOWN

County Engineer F. L. Cox will be in Lordsburg on Friday or Saturday to make a survey of the proposed incorporated town of Lordsburg. After the survey is made the census will be taken and the lists filed with the county commissioners at their meeting the first Monday in April.

## Lordsburg Wins at Basket Ball

Although there was quite a wind blowing last Saturday morning, the game between the Lordsburg and Clifton basket ball teams came off, with the honors 13 to 6 in the locals' favor. The game was fast and showed quite good team work, especially on the part of the Lordsburg girls. The scores would have been larger if the wind had not blown the balls from the goal. The victory brings great joy to the school, because of the fact the local team has three sixth graders on the lineup, and the Clifton team is composed of high school students only.

The line up was:  
CLIFTON \_\_\_\_\_ LORDSBURG  
Mildred Weiss - Jc. Dorothy Chase  
Lydia Beck - f. Julia Beam  
Mildred Cotey - f. Annie McMeans  
Lucille Merrill - g. Inez Clay  
Margaret Cotey - g. Mildred Trimble  
Emma Radden - sc. Ruth Chase

There was no school Tuesday, Feb. 22, it being the anniversary of George Washington's birthday. Negotiations have been initiated to get a grammar school team from Deming to play a grammar school team from our school.

On Friday, Feb. 18, 1916, Clifton beat San Simon by a score of 12 to 2. The game took place in a sand storm.

Spring is evidently here, from the delightful weather of the past week.

The honor roll for February is: Third Grade—Elizabeth Williams, Jewell Ownby, Johnny Tyson, Genevieve Bailey.

## CLEAN-UP AT HACHITA

Assistant District Attorney J. S. Vaught spent the early part of last week in Hachita, being called there to take up a number of violations of the law.

George Carlson was arraigned before Justice of the peace James Robson charged with having shot and killed Tony Metrik on Saturday night in the course of a brawl that started in the local red light district. Both Carlson and Metrik were privates in a cavalry regiment on patrol on the border. The shooting was done with a U. S. service rifle. Carlson was held for the grand jury without bail and was taken to Silver City to be held in the county jail.

Charles Parks was also brought before Judge Robson, charged with assault with intent to kill on the person of Dude Cheney. This affair rose out of a dispute over some money that Cheney claimed was due, and Parks picked up a sledge hammer and hurled it at Cheney; striking him in the face and breaking several bones. Parks was held for the grand jury in \$2000 bond, which was furnished.

Charged with having stolen a beef belonging to W. J. Wamel, W. F. Tatum and Tom Russell were bound over to the grand jury in the sum of \$2000 each. The arrest in the last case was made by Red Schrimphser, a cattle inspector.

Mr. Vaught conducted the prosecution in each of these cases and is going to do his utmost to clean out the lawless element in his district.

## LATE

The Western Liberal comes off the press late this week owing to a delay in this week's shipment of paper from Denver.

## CASE SETTLED

The case of the United States vs. State of New Mexico to establish the Mineral Boundary south of Lordsburg, which was set for a hearing before the Local U. S. Commissioner tomorrow, has been continued indefinitely by agreement.

## WILL FIGHT APRIL 8TH

Speedy Moreno of the 85 mine and Kid Smith of the Western Liberal will don the gloves for a ten round bout on the night of April 8. Smith is showing excellent form and is entering a severe training campaign. There is no doubt but that he will give the husky from the mine a run for his money. Moreno is still nursing an injured hand but will be in trim for the go in April.

## ROAD WORK PROGRESSING

Work on the Borderland Route from Lordsburg west, following the Southern Pacific tracks, is progressing rapidly, and the grading across the dry lake between here and Steins is three-fourths done. This road is packed solid and is high and dry, and able to stand all classes of weather. Before many more weeks are passed the route will be connected with the road to Rodeo.

## Everybody Keep the Home Dollar Moving Pay-Up Week

IN one of the Pay-Up Week campaigns in a western city an ordinary silver dollar was labeled "The Home Dollar." Everybody was asked to keep it moving, not to send it out of town, and to report to whom he paid it. Everybody was surprised how busy that little round dollar was. It paid hundreds of dollar debts and finally got back where it started. If one dollar kept in circulation at home can do so much for a community, what if all the dollars are kept busy that way? Think it over.

If you have \$50 in your pocket and you owe \$50 you know that the \$50 you have in your pocket is not rightfully yours. If you cannot afford to pay all of the \$50 that you owe at least pay part of it. If you think that when you have money and you owe it you have a right to retain it until you are good and ready to pay, men who owe you money have a right to think the same way.

IT IS THIS GENERAL PROPOSITION THAT PAY-UP WEEK SEEKS TO REMEDY. IF YOU PROMISE A MERCHANT, IF YOU PROMISE A FRIEND, TO MAKE GOOD A CERTAIN SUM ON A CERTAIN DATE YOU SHOULD MEAN WHAT YOU SAY. A MAN WHO WOULD NOT THINK OF BREAKING A SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT WILL BREAK A FINANCIAL ENGAGEMENT OR PROMISE AND THINK NOTHING OF IT. FOR YEARS IT HAS BEEN CONSIDERED ALL RIGHT TO TAKE YOUR TIME PAYING A DEBT.

This theory is all wrong. Pay-Up Week is a start in a general remedial plan. If worked out properly it will prove one of the best things that this community ever has had.

DON'T TAKE LIGHTLY THIS PAY-UP WEEK.

It means much to the community.

START TODAY TO TALK UP PAY-UP WEEK.

## New Spring Goods

Our Spring line of goods is arriving daily; the finest selection ever brought to Lordsburg.

See our line of Voiles in fancy figures and stripes; Flaxons, cotton Popein, Silks, Crepes, Bahama clothes, all at Popular Prices

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